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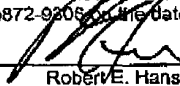
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Karunanandaa et al.
Our reference: MONS:018US
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Dear Examiner Kallis:

After reviewing each of the Office Actions and the Notice of Allowability, it has come to our attention that the original Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449 and 25 references submitted on October 26, 2001 and the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449 and 1 reference submitted on November 30, 2001, were considered by the Examiner but appear to have inadvertently not been initialed as considered. For your convenience enclosed is a copy of the Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449 filed on October 26, 2001 and the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449 filed on November 30, 2001. Also enclosed is a copy of the Express Mail slip stamped by the U.S. Post Office and PTO stamped postcard for each of these IDSs indicating the documents submitted. The copies of the references previously submitted have not been enclosed. Please let us know if you would like us to resubmit those as well.

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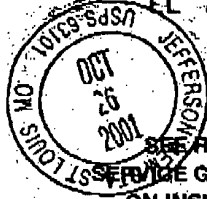
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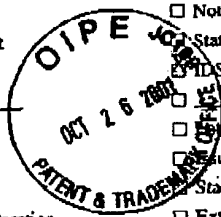
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Please note that Applicants are submitting herewith an English abstract of a reference, and an English summary of the contents of the same reference in the specification at page 7 attached thereto. However, Applicants make no representation as to the accuracy or completeness of either the English abstract or the English translation within the specification.

Upon review of the articles to be submitted in this Information Disclosure Statement, applicants became aware that one article was incorrectly cited in the application, and therefore, the wrong article was obtained. Applicants are currently in the process of obtaining the correct article and will submit it as soon as it is received. The proper citation for this article is Bard, M. and Downing, J.F., "Genetic and biochemical aspects of yeast sterol regulation involving 3-

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